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ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Disciplinary Matters - Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Yemmignur, Kurnool District – Allegations of failure in discharging his legitimate duties and lack of supervision and monitoring in distribution of Paddy foundation seed in Yemmiganur Mandal – Disciplinary action initiated under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules,1991- Subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Dhone, Kurnool District – Imposition of the penalty of "Withholding of 15% of Pension for a period of (3) years", under A.P. Revised pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.08 **Dated:28.02.2022**

Read the following:

1. Compalint Petition dt.Nil. of the Farmers of Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool District.
2. Memo. No.Vig.IV(2)/2012, dt.03.11.2012 of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad.
3. Explanation dt.22.04.2013 of Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture Yemmignur.
4. Memo. No.Vig.IV(2)159/2012,dt.13.03.2019 of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Guntur.
5. Memo. No.Vig-I(2)159/2012, dt.03.05.2019 of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Guntur.
6. From Sri D. Tagore Naik, Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool & Inquiry Authority Lr.Rc.No.A1/2659/2012, dt.27.06.2019 (Enquiry Report).
7. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No.Vig.I(2) 159/2012, dt.17.09.2019.
8. From the Spl.Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur Endt.No.Vig.I(2) 159/2012, dt.07.11.2019.
9. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No.Vig.I(2) 159/2012, dt.17.01.2020.
10. Government Memo.AGC01-AGRI/152/2019, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.27.01.2021.
11. Representation dt.08.03.2021 of Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture Yemmignur.
12. Government Letter No. AGC01-AGRI/152/2019, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., Dated:21/12/2021
13. From the Joint Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, Letter No.17/DC&C/2022, dt.02.02.2022.

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O R D E R:

In the reference1st read above, the farmers of Yemmiganur, Kurnool District have submitted a complaint petition to the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad, with regard to lack of supervision and monitoring in distribution of Paddy foundation seed in Yemmiganur Mandal in respect of Sri S.Raghava Reddy, Asst. Director of Agriculture, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District & Other.

2. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad has got the matter enquired and based on the preliminary inquiry report he has initiated disciplinary action against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool district, under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 and issued Articles of Charge against him, in the reference 2nd read above, with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defense, duly admitting/denying the Charges.

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3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Charged Officer Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool district has submitted his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) which is far from convincing. Hence, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has appointed Sri D. Tagore Naik, Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool, as the Inquiry Authority, in the reference 4th read above, to inquire into the Articles of Charge issued against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool district & and also appointed Sri S. Sreenivasa Rao, Deputy Director of Agriculture, O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool & Deputy Director of Agriculture (PD&DF) Yemmiganur (FAC) as Presenting Officer, in the reference 5th read above, to present the case before the Inquiry Authority.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry Authority has submitted his report to the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, stating that the Charges framed against Sri S.Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur, Kurnool district are held proved and accordingly, in the reference 7th read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has forwarded a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Government, stating that the Charged Officer has retired from public service on 30.06.2018 and hence requested to take further action in the matter.

5. As per the Government instructions, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has forwarded a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer, under rule 24 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, in the reference 8th read above, with a direction to submit his written explanation within (15) days from the date of receipt and in the reference 9th read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has forwarded the dated acknowledgement along with representation of the Charged Officer to the Government and stated that he has agreed with the recommendations of the Inquiry Authority.

6. The Government have examined the case in detail, in consultation with the advisory departments and decided to issue the penalty of "Withholding of 15% of Pension for a period of (3) years" against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Dhone, Kurnool district, under A.P. Revised pension Rules, 1980 and accordingly issued him a Notice, in the reference 10th read above, with a direction to show-cause as to why the above said penalty should not be imposed against him for the Articles of Charge issued against him are held proved.

7. In the reference 11th read above, the Charged Officer Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Dhone, Kurnool district has submitted his representation requesting to drop further action in the matter.

8. The Government have not considered the representation of the Charged Officer Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Dhone, Kurnool district since he has not produced any new material or evidence that has the effect of changing the nature of the case and decided to impose the penalty of "Withholding of 15% of Pension for a period of (3) years", against him under A.P. Revised pension Rules, 1980.

9. Accordingly, as per Regulation 17 of A.P.Public Service Commission Regulations, 1963, the Government have addressed the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, in the reference 12th read above, to place the issue of the above punishment proposed against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Yemmiganur and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Dhone, Kurnool district before the Commission and obtain its concurrence and communicate the same to the Government, for further action in the matter.

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10. In the reference 13th read above, the Joint Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada has agreed with the proposal of the Government to impose the penalty of "Withholding of 15% of Pension for a period of (3) years" against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Dhone, Kurnool District and advised accordingly.

11. The Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby, impose the penalty of "Withholding of 15% of Pension for a period of (3) years" against Sri S. Raghava Reddy, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Dhone, Kurnool District, under A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, for the Articles of Charge issued against him are held proved.

12. The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take further action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Asst. Director of Agriculture (Retd.), Dhone, Kurnool District ,
through the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:
The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Officer, Kurnool.
The P.S. to Secretary, A.P.P.S.C., Vijayawada.
The Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool.
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